

## Pacific Golden Plover

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The Pacific Golden Plover is an amazing creature. In Hawai'i another name for the Pacific Golden Plover is the 'Kolea'. (In Hawaiian) The Kolea's winter coat is a sandy upper body and a dark lower body. They also have a long gray beak and legs. The summer coat is a sandy color, with a long gray beak and legs. They are about 23 - 26 cm.

The Kolea lives on all of the Hawaiian Islands and a couple of atolls. (Remnants of past islands)

The Kolea have adapted to Hawaii's warm temperatures. They eat many things on Hawaii such as: crabs, seeds, berries, seaweed, earth worms, lizards, grubs, and other things. The Kolea are often found on beaches and lawns. Every year the Kolea go to the same spot they settled into before. So if you see a Kolea in your yard it is likely to come back. The Kolea are foragers, they have a habit of doing this pattern: stop - run - stop. When the last stop means that they caught their prey, no prey was sighted, or they missed. They will sometimes run 7 meters to catch their prey.

Many Kolea live on Hawaii but they still have predators. Some predators include: cats, dogs, pesticide, and humans. Some people say that some juvenile Kolea were trying to claim territory on airplane runways, except they failed. The Kolea has adapted to Hawaii life for a long time.